

8. Make hot the regions of earth, of
 heaven, of
 mid air, for the oppressive race (of the
RAksjuuus):
 showerer (of benefits), consume them
 everywhere with
 thy radiance, make the heaven and the
 firmament
 (too) hot for the impious.¹
9. Bright-flaming INDRA, thou art the
 king of the
 people of heaven, and of the moving races
 of earth:
 grasp in thy right hand the thunderbolt,
 wherewith,
 INDRA, who art beyond all praise, thou
 bafflest all the
 devices (of the *Asuras*).
10. Bring to us, INDEX, concentrated,
 vast, and
 unassailable prosperity beyond the reach
 of enemies,
 and by which, wielder of the thunderbolt,
 thou hast
 rendered human enemies, whether *Ddsas*
 or *Aryas*,
 easy to be overcome.
11. Invoked of many, creator, object of
 sacrifice,
 come to us with thy ail-admired steeds,
 whom neither
Asura nor deity arrests: come with them
 quickly to
 our presence,

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The deity, *jRishi*, and metre as before.

12. When the *świw*-juice, INDRA, is being
 effused,
 the sacred hymn chaunted, the prayer
 recited, be thou
 prepared (to harness thy horses), or,
 MAGHAVAN, with
 thy horses ready harnessed, come
 (hither), bearing
 the thunderbolt in thy hand.
13. Or as, although engaged in heaven in
 the hero-
 animating conflict with foes, thou
 protectest the of-

¹ *Brajtmadwuhē* the scholiast explains
brdhmana *dicethtrc*,
 the hater of Brahraang, but it may also import
 the enemy or
 hater of the Veda, or of prayer.